

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Next, the sending node sends a packet to each of the selected nodes (step 560). In a preferred embodiment, the packets are sent approximately simultaneously. Referring to FIG. 5, the header 210 of each packet is addressed to one of the selected nodes, while the payload portion [[220]] 240 of each packet includes node ID of the sending node (identified as the originator of the data block) 225 the data block 230, and a list [[240]] 220 of the nodes assigned to the node to which the packet is addressed.